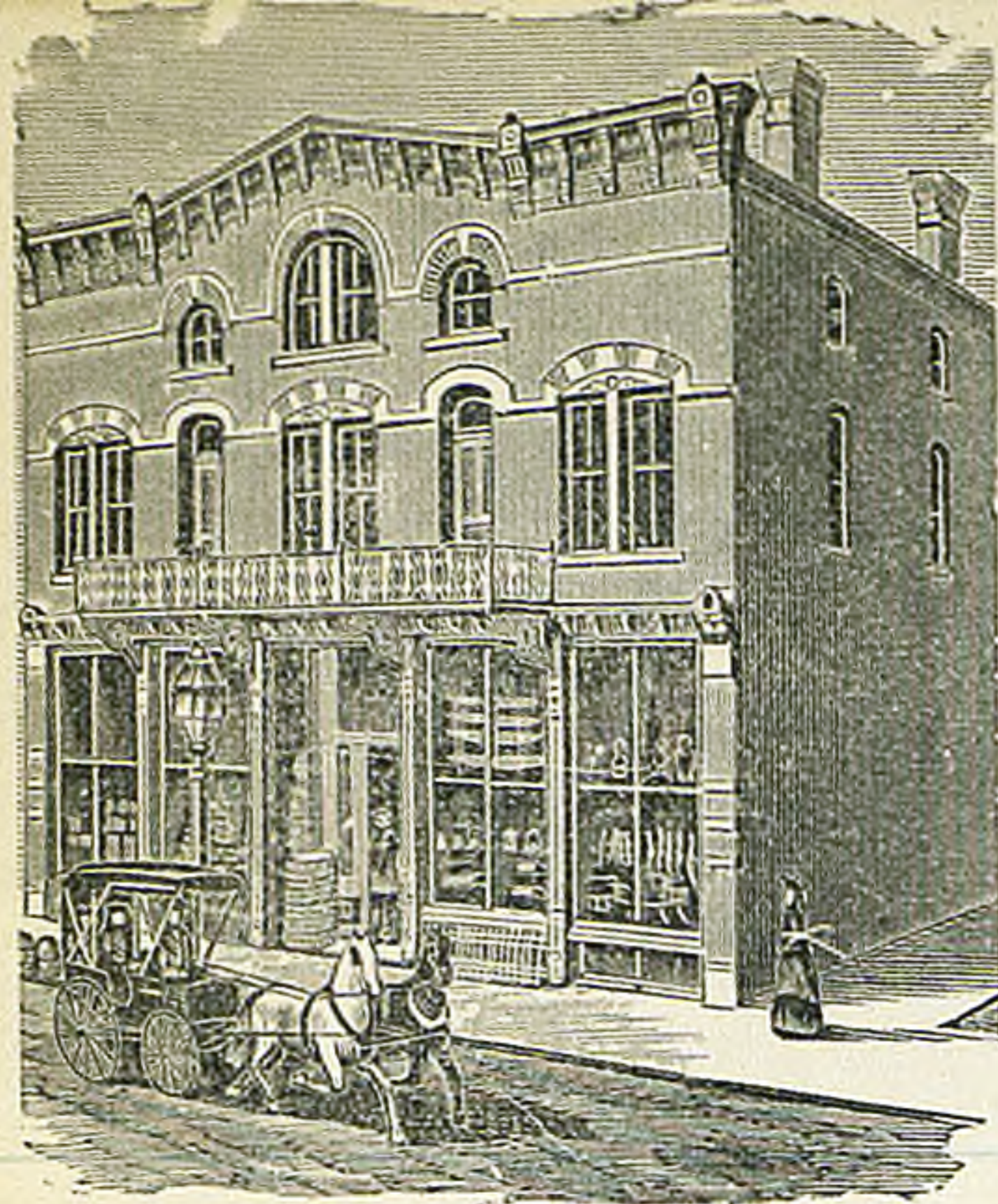


J. W. TESTER.

S. SCHILLING.



—OFFICE OF—

Tester & Schilling,

—DEALERS IN—

Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Cutlery,

Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fittings, Fence Wire etc.

Alma, Wis.; May 4 1891

To Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

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in regard to U. S. Gold coins. - This morning
while I was collecting City Licenses some party,
among other \$20- gold pieces presented one
that I refused, as by dropping it on a hard wood
desk I discovered that it had not the peculiar
sound which is usually present in genuine pieces.
I dropped it on the desk and the sound was one of
a lead dollar, I balanced it on the tip of my finger
and it had no ringing sound whatever, our
Bank however declared it "OK" stating that the piece
had a crack which caused the disappearance of
all ringing sound of the piece. Will you please inform
me if \$20. Gold pieces pass out of U S mints cracked
or are such pieces liable to crack while in circulation

Yours very truly J. W. Tester City Treasurer

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Alma. Wis.
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